

**OFFICIAL****RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

MAY 05 2004

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Serial No. ....09/522,063  
Filing Date ..... 3/09/2000  
Inventorship ..... Allen  
Assignee ..... Microsoft Corporation  
Group Art Unit ..... 2134  
Examiner ..... Thomas M. Ho  
Attorney's Docket No. .... MS1-489US  
Title: Session-State Manager

To: Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

From: Emmanuel A. Rivera (Tel. 509-324-9256; Fax 509-323-8979)  
Customer No. 22801

**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 17, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 17, 2003, the response is provided as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

The listing of the claims begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.